

JOHN HYRUM WEBB

Lehi Centennial History 1850-1950

John Hyrum Webb, son of William and Harriet Grace Webb, was born May 31, 1869, in Lehi. Being the eldest son of a family of twelve, he shouldered many responsibilities. In his early teens he helped to support the family by herding sheep.

February 10, 1897, he married Polly Emeline Royle in the Salt Lake Temple. To this union were born six children: Victor, Sylva, Ivan, Gail, Leda, and Flossie.

In August, 1898, he started an apprenticeship as a carpenter under the direction of James B. Gaddie. Through his ability as a workman, he became widely known as a builder, having helped to build most of the school buildings, ward houses, and the Tabernacle as well as many private homes in Lehi and surrounding communities. In 1903, his work took him to Idaho where he built homes for the Sugar Company, becoming an excellent cabinet maker. At this time his wife stayed in Lehi to care for the family.

In later years his health did not permit him to do such heavy work continuously, so he supplemented the family income by farming, raising chickens, and selling eggs.

He was never a public man, but rather a hard-working, home loving, kind husband and father. He died February 4, 1941, at the age of seventy one.